GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:53
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2007
LAW ON WATER HARVESTING
Gudhe Shri Anantrao;Nikhil Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to enact any law for implementing water harvesting programme in urban and rural areas keeping in view the day-by-day falling ground water level; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and the sources from which funds are likely to be mobilized for this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 53 TO BE ANSWERED ON. 19.11.2007 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING LAW ON WATER HARVESTING.

(a) The Ministry of Water Resources has circulated to all States/Union Territories (UTs) the Model Bill to regulate and control the development and management of ground water. The Model Bill includes provision for rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water in urban and rural areas.

(b) No time limit has been fixed by the Union Government for enactment of law in this regard by State Governments and UTs. Funds for schemes relating to water harvesting are provided under both Central and State Government Schemes.